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SUBJ: MESSAGE FOR KHALATBARI

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO
FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI.

BEGIN MESSAGE:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

AS THE RESULT OF AN AMERICAN PROPOSAL WHICH I
INTRODUCED IN MY MEETING WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD
YESTERDAY ON THE KEY QUESTION OF THE LOCATION OF THE
SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT LINE, IT HAS BEEN
POSSIBLE TO MAKE MAJOR LAST MINUTE PROGRESS TOWARD
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL ON THE DIS-
ENGAGEMENT OF THEIR MILITARY FORCES. I HAVE NOW
RETURNED TO ISRAELI TO SEEK ISRAELI GOVERNMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL.

IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, I HAVE CONCLUDED
THAT I MUST REMAIN IN THE AREA INTO NEXT WEEK IN
A MAJOR EFFORT TO RESOLVE THIS AND THE OTHER REMAINING
DIFFICULT ISSUES OF A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BEFORE I
RETURN TO WASHINGTON. I HAVE THEREFORE ASKED DEPUTY
SECRETARY RUSH TO CHAIR NEXT WEEK'S CENTO MEETING ON

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MY BEHALF. HE IS FULLY INFORMED OF THE THE VIEWS I HAD

INTENDED TO SET FORTH DURING OUR MEETING AND OF THE
GREAT IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO THE ROLE OF CENTO. I VERY
MUCH HOPE THAT YOU WILL STILL PLAN TO ATTEND, ALTHOUGH
I RECOGNIZE THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MIGHT PREFER

TO SEND A DEPUTY TO REPRESENT YOU.

I HAD LOOKED FORWARD WITH SPECIAL ANTICIPATION
TO THIS MEETING OF CENTO--THE FIRST TO BE HELD SINCE
I BECAME SECRETARY OF STATE--AND ALSO TO THE
OPPORTUNITY IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE DISCUSSION
BETWEEN US. I AM CERTAIN YOU WILL APPRECIATE,
HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION I AM PRESENTLY
ENGAGED IN, NOT ONLY TO THE CENTO REGION BUT TO GLOBAL
PEACE. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE
REASONS WHY I FELT I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY HERE
AND PURSUE THE EFFORTS I AM ENGAGED IN AT THIS CRUCIAL
STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

I AM SENDING A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO OUR OTHER
CENTO COLLEAGUES AND TO THE CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL.

WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER
END MESSAGE
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